

**University of Regina Students' Union**  
**Board of Directors' Meeting – URSU Boardroom**  
**02/08/2018**

**Minutes**

**Present:**

Jermain McKenzie, President  
Derrick Gagnon, Vice President (Operations and Finance)  
Shawn Wiskar, Vice President (Student Affairs)  
Harris Khan, Vice President (External Affairs)  
Sena Debia, Kinesiology Director  
Rishabh Dutta, Engineering Director (Arrived at 5:00PM)  
Imran Ahamed, Graduate Students' Director (Arrived 4:47PM)  
Dakota Kaufman, LUSA Director (Arrived at 5:00PM)  
Rylan Jensen, Education Director  
Rashid Jahan, International Students' Director  
Pete Kytwayhat, Aboriginal Director  
Khansa Irfan, Women's Director (Departed at 5:28PM)

Jashneet Kaur, Director for Students with Disabilities (Arrived for 4:47PM)  
Devon Peters, Chairperson  
Carl Flis, General Manager

**Regrets (More than 24 hours notice):**

Carly Hill, Campion Director  
Colton MacDonald, Arts Director  
Stephen Le Nouail, Francophone Director

**Absent (Less than 24 hours notice):**

Skyler Anderson, First Nations University Students' Director

**1. CALL TO ORDER 4:34**

**2. CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. Approval of the Agenda for February 8th, 2018
- b. Approval of the minutes of the February board meeting.
- c. Adoption of the Executive and Director reports.
- d. Next meeting to be held on February 22nd, 2018.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the URSU Board of Directors approves the Consent Agenda.

Moved: Rylan Jensen  
Second: Derrick Gagnon

CARRIED

**3. CONFLICT OF INTEREST / CONFLICT OF COMMITMENT DECLARATION**

- a. None

**4. PRESENTATION**

- a. Indigenous Students' Association - Pete Kytwayhat, and Executive Operations and Finance Allyson Watson
- b. African Students' Association - Amaka - VP External
- c. URPSA - Misha - Communications; Khadija - Event Coordinator; Mohammud Khan - VP
- d. Enactus - Jonathan - VP Communications
- e. ISA - Sua Park - President; Veronica Cardoso - Secretary; Charisse Samano, Carina Depaz - International Peer Advisors,

**5. OLD BUSINESS**

**6. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

- a. Response to Appeals Information Item - Shawn
- b. Nepotism Policy - Carl
- c. Club Funding Budget review - Derrick

## 7. NEW BUSINESS

- a. WHEREAS URSU officially became the first Fair Trade designated Student Union in Canada. URSU is supporting the mission and vision of the Fair Trade Organization, and;  
Whereas URSU is joining several campus groups to make the U of R campus a Fair Trade campus, and;  
Whereas URSU is planning an essential campaign in March 2018 on the U of R campus to promote Fair Trade (social justices and sustainability initiatives) and;  
Whereas Fair Trade Canada is having a National Fair Trade Conference in Vancouver that will cover a variety of topics including Fair trade marketing, trade policy and establishing a Fair Trade campus. This will help URSU in networking with Fair Trade organizations and also help developing a campaign for the U of R campus.

BE IT RESOLVED that URSU cover the cost (flights, registration fees, hotel, and travel) for the VP External Affairs to attend the conference in Vancouver in the amount of \$1500, and;

Be it further resolved that URSU approves going over by a similar amount on the Board Travel budget line item.

Moved: Imran Ahmed

Second: Sena Debia

CARRIED

ABSTAIN : Harris Khan, Jermaine Mackenzie

- b. WHEREAS the Executive Director, University Governance and University Secretary was tasked to review URSU's recently revised Election and Referendum Bylaw to ensure compliance with various University of Regina governing documents and as a result has made some minor change recommendations;

BE IT RESOLVED that URSU adopts the revised Elections and Referendum ByLaw as amended and presented.

Moved: Sena Debia

Second: Rylan Jensen

CARRIED

- c. WHEREAS the U of R Executive of Council is potentially proposing changes as to how student appeals are administratively managed;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board adopts the drafted URSU Response to Appeals Information Item as presented and that the response be officially filed with the U of R Executive of Council.

Moved: Dakota Kaufman

Second: Imran Ahamed

ABSTAIN : Imran Ahamed

CARRIED

- d. WHEREAS a review of URSU hiring protocol has determined that there is no policy in place to ensure that URSU's hiring processes are free of any conflict of interest;

BE IT RESOLVED the that URSU adopts and implements the Nepotism Policy as presented.

Moved: Sena Debia  
Second: Harris Khan

CARRIED

- e. WHEREAS the budget for club funding was set at \$5000 and;  
Whereas this budget line item is nearly depleted, and;  
Whereas \$1200 was reimbursed from this budget item to clubs for attending the AGM, and;  
Whereas it is anticipated that several more clubs will be submitting expense reimbursement claims in this fiscal year;

BE IT RESOLVED the that URSU approves expenditures for club funding beyond the original budget by no more than \$1500.

Moved: Imran Ahamed  
Second: Rishabh Dutta

CARRIED

- f. BE IT RESOLVED THAT URSU fund the International Students Association in the amount of \$6000

Moved: Imran Ahamed  
Second: Jermaine Mackenzie

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

\$8000 ---> \$6000

Moved: Shawn  
Second Jermaine Mackenzie

AMENDMENT CARRIED

CARRIED

- g. BE IT RESOLVED THAT URSU authorizes up to \$5000 of in-kind food costs at the Owl for the club or a monetary donation of \$3000 to fund the African Night event

Moved: Sena Debia  
Second: Harris Khan

CARRIED

ABSTAIN : Derrick Gagnon

- h. WHEREAS URSU's established the Electoral position hiring committee in order to search for candidates for the positions of CRO, SEO, and PEO as outlined in the URSU Bylaws  
WHEREAS Suitable Candidates have been found

BE IT RESOLVED THAT URSU appoint;

- URSU's legal counsel be appointed as PEO
- Lindy Whitehouse be appointed as URSU's CRO
- Hayley Stearns SEO

Moved: Dakota Kaufman

Second: Sena Debia

CARRIED

ABSTAIN : Derrick Gagnon, Harris Khan, Shawn Wiskar, Jermaine Mackenzie, Rylan Jensen, Rishabh Dutta, Dakota Kaufman

## **8. OTHER BUSINESS**

- a. Enter into Executive Session (In-camera)

Move: Harris Khan

Second: Derrick Gagnon

CARRIED

Exit Executive Session

Moved: Dakota Kaufman

Second: Rylan Jensen

CARRIED

## **9. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND BUSINESS**

### **10. NOTICE OF MOTIONS**

### **11. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**

### **12. UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **13. ADJOURNMENT:**

- a. Meeting adjourned at 7:50PM